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TELEGRAMS.

THE REVOLUTION.

YUAN OBTAINS THREE MILLION TAELES.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]
Bombay, Jan. 3, 7.55 a.m.
Yuan Shih-kai has obtained three million tael from the Empress Dowager.—Reuter.

IMPERIAL TROOPS MUTINY.

Durban, Jan. 3, 8 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Peking says that seven hundred soldiers who were guarding the Lonchow Arsenal have mutinied. It is feared that they will hold up the Siberian Railway traffic.

SUN YAT-SEN.

Shanghai, Jan. 2.
Dr. Sun Yat-sen took over his post as President at Nanking to-day. Wong Hing, with the delegates of the various provinces, the officials and the revolutionists aggregating about 50,000 people accorded a hearty welcome to Dr. Sun Yat-sen at Hokwan. Dr. Sun swore before the people that as soon as the Manchian Government was overthrown, the trouble over and the republic recognised by the foreign Powers, he would resign the presidency.

AN INDECISIVE BATTLE.

Yesterday the revolutionists at Hanyang resumed hostilities with the Imperialists. The battle, was however indecisive.

ADVICE TO YUAN.

H.E. Tang Shao-yi has telegraphed to Lung Si-yi and Yuan Chung-shu to advise H.E. Yuan Shih-kai to support the formation of a republic.

BLOOD MONEY.

Prince Tsai Tsun, brother of the Prince Regent is alleged to have given the 100,000 for the assassination of Dr. Wu Ting-fang, Wan Chun-yin, Wong Ching-yai, and Ching Tak-shuen. Chang Wan-foa has been elected Governor-General of Kiangsu in place of Ching Tak-shuen, who resigned on account of his illness. The revolutionists at Nanking hearing of Chong's election opposed his appointment by vote.

TELEGRAMS.

THE REVOLUTION.

RAISING FUNDS.

At the meeting of the Cantonese residents in Shanghai, held at the Canton Club and presided by Dr. Sun Yat-sen and Wu Han-man in connection with raising of a loan of \$600,000 for the new Government, only \$70,000 was promised by the merchants present at the meeting.—"Shui Po."

QUEUELESS NANKING.

All the people in Nanking have discarded their queues.

HOSTILITIES SUSPENDED.

Fighting at Hanyang has been suspended temporarily, instructions to that effect having been received from Dr. Wu Ting-fang and Yuan Shih-kai.

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

The National Assembly is in favour of the National Congress being held in Peking, and of the recall of Tung Shao-yi.—"Shoung Po."

THAMES SHIPBUILDING

CAN START NOW?

[Service to the "Telegraph."]
Via Durban, Jan. 2, 8.55 a.m.
The Government Companies Receiver in connection with the Thames company has written to Mr. Churchill stating that there is no need for interference from the Northern firm. "We can start work immediately under existing conditions," he says, "namely, eight hours a day." Mr. Hillis, the Chairman of the Company, in commenting upon the situation, expresses surprise at the Government endeavouring to impose upon London a nine hour day by promise of work and a threat of starvation. Mr. Tom Mann, speaking in London, said the time had come for the men of the mercantile marine to demand a reduction of hours. This was only obtainable by action at the various ports. The transport workers are already organising, and this year will be a year of revolution.—(Reuter).

TELEGRAMS.

ESCAPED SPY.

A STORY OF DARING.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]
Bombay, Jan. 3, 7.55 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Paris says it is announced that the Minister of War, before receiving Captain Lux, ascertained that he was not guilty of espionage. He was not on parole. Captain Lux, indeed, was guarded by sentinels with ball cartridges. He forced two doors, filed some bars, climbed a high wall and a ditch, and escaped in a motor car.

He says there was no complicity on the part of any Germans or the Englishman. He made a rope from strings which had been fastened round newspapers and received books in which were concealed files and money.—Reuter.

A SIGNIFICANT ORDER.

Durban, Jan. 3, 8 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Paris says that the military authorities have ordered Captain Lux not to attend and fetes or receptions and not to accept any fund started in his honour.—Reuter.

NEW BATTLESHIP.

ORION COMMISSIONED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]
Bombay, Jan. 3, 7.55 a.m.
The Orion has been commissioned to join the home fleet at Portsmouth.—Reuter.

KING IN INDIA.

PARADE OF TROOPS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]
Bombay, Jan. 3, 7.55 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Calcutta states that Their Majesties attended a grand parade of troops to commemorate the assumption of the title of Empress of India by Queen Victoria. Their Majesties received an ovation from the crowd.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

LABOUR UNREST.

A CONFERENCE.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]
Bombay, Jan. 3, 7.55 a.m.
The North and North-east Lancashire Manufacturers Association have agreed to meet Sir G. R. Askwith to-morrow to discuss the situation. They have, however, decided to announce their fixed determination to adhere to the present position.—Reuter.

SPECIAL LEVIES.

Durban, Jan. 3, 8 a.m.
Blackburn Trades Council, to which is affiliated fifty five societies, have decided to recommend special levies on behalf of the looked-out operatives and to ask the Federation of Trade Unions to convene a special conference to consider the question of a sympathetic strike of all trades.—Reuter.

SHIPPING SUPREMACY.

P. & O. ACTIVE.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]
Durban, Jan. 2, 8.55 p.m.
In shipping circles the chief topic is the new P. & O. boat which is regarded as evidence that the company intends to maintain its position on the Cape route no matter what may be the outcome of the Royal Mail and Union Castle negotiations. It is thought probable that the P. & O. will make an announcement shortly which will have far reaching effects on the Colonial shipping trade.—Reuter.

BOXING.

THE LATEST MOVE.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]
Durban, Jan. 2, 8 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Sydney says that the clergy are agitating for the prohibition of the Johnson-McVea fight. Commercial men are engaging counsel to test the legality of the contest.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

NEW YEAR HONOURS.

FURTHER LIST.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]
Durban, Jan. 2, 10.20 p.m.
Amongst the New Year honours are the following:—Privy Counsellor, Mr. Borden, the Prime Minister of Canada; Commander of the Order of St. Michael, Mr. C. B. Hiddes, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies; Companions of the Order of St. Michael, Mr. Dyatt, Commissioner for Somaliland, and Salimbin Kalfa, Liwali of Mombassa.

COLONIAL HONOURS.

Further honours announced are:—Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael, Sir G. R. Le Hunte; Commanders of the Order of St. Michael, Sir Edward A. Stone, Governor of Western Australia and Col. John Morrison Gibson, Governor of Ontario. There are other Colonial honours, mostly Canadian and Australian.

OTHER DISTINCTIONS.

Durban, Jan. 2, 11.20 p.m.
A peerage has been awarded to Sir Thomas Gibson Carmichael, Governor of Madras; New Privy Counsellors are Lord Lucas and Sir Francis John Stephens Hopwood; new baronets are Mr. Lucas and Mr. Ralli, head of the firm of Ralli Brothers; new Knights are Mr. Joseph Beecham and Mr. Rider Haggard.—Reuter.

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY.

THREE NEW CHAIRS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]
Durban, Jan. 2, 11.40 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Sydney says that the University there has created three new chairs:—Political Economy and Commerce, Botany, and Applied Chemistry.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

HOME POLITICS.

THE NEW KING.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]
Durban, Jan. 2, 8.55 a.m.
The Rev. Dr. Clifford, in a New Year's address, in his chapel in London, and said that the Government was experiencing a new birth. "Think what it was in the days of George the Third," he said; "then look at it in the days of another King—Lloyd George the First."

TEST CRICKET.

AUSTRALIA'S SCORE.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]
Via Durban, Jan. 2, 12.15 p.m.
Despite cool and gusty weather, there was a large attendance when the match was continued. Showers slightly delayed the commencement of play. Australia scored 269 for 8 wickets, Armstrong scoring ninety.—(Reuter).

HOME RAILWAYS.

FARES RAISED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]
Via Durban, Jan. 2, 8.55 a.m.
The Railway Companies whined in the New Year by putting on increases of 2½ to 10 per cent. on excursion and week-end season ticket fares to meet the concessions granted to the railwaymen. The conference to meet at Salford on the 28th January will consider a scheme for the fusion of the four railwaymen's unions. A committee of the executive bodies urges the necessity of this being done for the common cause against their enemies, the non-unionists.—(Reuter).

LAWN TENNIS.

AUSTRALIAN VICTORY.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]
Durban, Jan. 2, 5 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Christchurch states that Brookes and Danlop defeated Wright and McLoughlin 6-4, 5-7, 7-5, 6-3. The match was played in brilliant sunshine and before a large crowd which was most enthusiastic over the victory of the Australian pair.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

NEW MEDAL.

ROCKET LIFE SAVERS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]
Via Durban, Jan. 2, 8.55 a.m.
His Majesty the King has instituted a medal for meritorious service among those connected with rocket life savers.—(Reuter).

THE ABOLITION EDITOR.

[Full Text]
The following is the text of the Imperial Edict issued at Peking on December 23:—
We have received the following Decree from the Lung Yu, Empress Dowager:—
The Cabinet has submitted a telegraphic memorial from Tang Shao-yi, stating that Wu Ting-fang, delegate of the people's Army, strongly affirms that the peoples' will and wishes are to change the Government and set up a Republic, which they have made it their object to secure. When the Wu-chang disturbance arose the Throne complied with the request of the senate and promulgated nineteen articles of constitution, which were sworn to in the Imperial Ancestral Temple. It had been hoped that hostilities soon would have ceased and that we should enjoy the blessings of peace with our people. Confidence, however, was not inspired and political struggles ensued. Considering that the question whether a constitutional monarchy or constitutional republic is expedient to our country at present, is an important one, relating to internal and foreign issues decision should not be exclusively exercised by the people of one section, neither should the matter be decided by the Throne alone. An extraordinary national convention should be called, and the subject should be jointly passed. The Minister of State have asked that the near Princes and Nobles be summoned to discuss the question, and on personal enquiry they are all agreed on this course. The Cabinet is commanded to telegraph to Tang Shao-yi informing him of the idea, and to order him to acquaint the people's delegate, so that he may announce the fact. The Cabinet is also commanded to draw up the rules of election satisfactorily and immediately to convene a parliament. They will confer satisfactorily with Wu Ting-fang for both sides to cease hostilities so as to pacify the people and obviate great calamity. It is observed that Heaven produces the people and establishes a sovereign for them so as to herd them. This intention was to have one man maintain the empire, but not to sacrifice the empire to an individual. The Emperor who has entered upon his great heritage in boyhood, and cannot be allowed to ruin lives and injure the whole empire. I hope for a decision by the convention, which should have for its object national benefit and the people's blessing. Heaven sees and hears through the people, and I hope my patriotic soldiers and subjects will each uphold strict justice and jointly deliberate upon the great plan, which is my sincere hope. (Signed by Xu Shu-chang, Prime Minister; Hu Wei-te, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs; Shao Ying, Acting Minister of Finance; Tang Ching-shang, Minister of Education; Wang Shih-shen, Minister of War; Tan Hsiao-leng, Acting Minister of Navy; Shen Chia-pen, Minister of Justice; Hsi Yen, Acting Minister of Agriculture, Industry and Commerce; Yang Chih-shan, Acting Minister of Post and Communications; and Tan Shao-chi, Minister of Department.)

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THE date of the ANNUAL MEETING originally fixed for the 18th, 19th and 20th January, 1912, and altered to one week later and the Race Meeting will be held on TUESDAY 20th, THURSDAY 22nd and FRIDAY 23rd February, 1912, thereby coinciding with the usual holidays following the Chinese New Year.

The Entries will CLOSE one week later than the date already fixed, viz., SATURDAY, the 20th January, 1912.
In all other respects the programme as issued will stand.
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T. F. HOUGH,
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WHAT THEY THINK.

China Mail.

Experimental Legislation—A Parallel.

It is rather more than 40 years since the first elementary Education Bill for England and Wales was passed by the House of Commons so that it is hardly premature if we should now take stock of the effects produced by its introduction and estimate, as far as we are able, the hopes to which it gave rise and the degree to which those hopes have been realized up to the present. The "mute inglorious Miltons" that were to have been evolved by the stirring of the virgin soil of uneducated England appear to be still wanting, for not the most optimistic of believers in universal education can discover in the present age any augmentation of numbers or of merit among modern leaders in literature, or art, or science above those of the early Victorian period. Some of us may have learnt the lesson that instead of the adage "murder will out" it would have been wiser to read "genius will out" and that the only improvement we ought to have looked for is that under more favourable conditions it might be freed from some distorting of form which occasionally occurred in earlier times.

Daily Press.

Mr. Hewett Honoured.

We are sure we are echoing the sentiments of the entire community in offering congratulations to the Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett upon the appearance of his name in the New Year's List of Honours conferred by His Majesty The King. Mr. Hewett becomes a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. It is a tardy recognition of the valuable public services rendered by Mr. Hewett, and when these are enumerated we think there will be general concurrence in the view that a C.M.G. is inadequate recognition. Mr. Hewett's public life dates from 1897, when he first became a member of the Shanghai Municipal Council. He was Chairman of that important corporation in 1900-1901, and in that capacity he represented the Chamber in connection with river conservancy as dealt with in the Peace Protocol concluded on the suppression of the Boxer rising. On his transfer to Hongkong in the following year as the Superintendent of the P. & O. Company, Mr. Hewett was appointed a member of the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. He has been Chairman of the Chamber since 1903 and has rendered conspicuous service to the commercial interests of the port. Mr. Hewett represents the Chamber on the Legislative Council, and is a member also of the Executive Council. He is besides a member of the Sanitary Board, and the Medical Board, and has served on various Committees, such as those of Queen's College and the Diocesan School.

South China Morning Post.

Railway Criticised.

The early stages of any new venture must necessarily be viewed with some indulgence. Thus it is scarcely fair as yet to offer any distinct criticism of the operations of the Canton-Kowloon Railway. The correspondence forwarded by Mr. L. Gibbs, which we published yesterday, nevertheless commands more than passing notice. The letters passing between Mr. Gibbs and the Colonial Secretary since September last contain matters of general interest. There were several grievances which the Government were asked to remedy. The chief of these is that the promised facilities for individuals desirous of taking up their residence at Taiipo have not been forthcoming. As Mr. Gibbs points out, His Excellency the governor has himself officially spoken of the possibility of "considerable development" at Taiipo in the way of the erection of European dwellings, so that the contention that a train service making it convenient for business men to live there would have the general advantage of being unwarranted.

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THRONE AND PEOPLE.

We publish elsewhere the text of the Imperial Decree of December 28, by which the Manchu Dynasty has practically submitted to the demands of the Revolutionaries. There is in this Decree the usual obscurantism that is associated with documents of this nature, but the concession that a Convention of a popular character shall determine the form of government for China is distinctly made. Whether the concession is *bona fide* is the result of force majeure, or is inspired by a motive that is not superficially apparent, will be shown by the event. It might not be altogether profitless, however, to take into consideration the facts as at present known and to endeavour to decide what has really dictated the Throne's action.

It must be remembered that every recent action of the Throne has been suggested, if not dictated, by the Prime Minister, Yuan Shih-kai. It is, of course, possible that Yuan really believes that the welfare of China is best to be secured by allowing the people to choose their own form of government. Against this theory is Yuan's own personal knowledge that the North of China, which is still, nominally at least, under the old regime is the only part of the Empire where anything like order prevails and trade is possible. There is a possibility that the anarchy which has swept over the Southern and Central Provinces will submerge the North if the barrier of loyalty to the Throne be removed, and the knowledge that this possibility exists is certainly not hidden from Yuan Shih-kai. The supposition that the Throne is yielding to superior force is not borne out by the military position as far as it is known. The last encounter of any magnitude resulted in a victory for the Imperialists, and the Throne does not seem to be at the end of its military resources, though its exchequer is certainly in a bad way. The Revolutionaries, while they have the men, appear to be as poorly off financially as the Imperialists, and the prospect of an "invasion of Peking," alluring though it may be to the hot-heads, cannot be regarded with much enthusiasm by the more thoughtful and responsible of the revolutionary leaders. In such circumstances the idea that the Throne has yielded to force majeure seems hardly tenable. Remains the possibility that Yuan Shih-kai is prompting the Throne to practical abdication with some design, at present unseen, in view. The question naturally arises: what object has he in instigating the Throne to accede to demands which the Manchus could hardly be blamed for resisting to the last. The answer might be found in a consideration of the life history of Yuan Shih-kai. He has shown consistently remarkable foresight and has shaped a course that conducted to safety. His so-called betrayal of the Emperor Kwang Hsu can also be regarded as an act of sagacity that prevented a premature preparation of reform dishes too strong for China's stomach. The refusal to make common cause with the Boxers, though it lost him temporarily the favour of the Court, has been proved to have been the wisest course he could have adopted and it was his attitude on that occasion that is responsible for the confidence which foreigners feel in Yuan to-day—greater confidence, it may be affirmed, than is felt in any other notable in China. It may be that Yuan, seeing farther than others, desires to see the revolutionary leaders given a sufficiency of rope. Should a republican form of government be decided upon, he would probably be content to stand aloof in the belief that sooner or later he would be called in to reorganize. If, on the other hand, a limited constitutional monarchy were established he would probably retain office and do his utmost to make the new system a success. The Decree gives the people of China the chance of commissioning the Dynasty to reign while the country is ruled by a popularly selected government—and Yuan perhaps thinks that the commission will be issued by the National Convention, or in any event by their successors.

DAY BY DAY.

The best guarantee of happiness during eternity is that eternity knows no past.

Among the arrivals by the N.Y.K. s.s. "Tango Maru" to-day was Mr. G. E. Lloyd, Secretary of the "South China Morning Post."

By permission of Capt. Fisher the band of the s.s. Korea will play at the Belle View Hotel on Friday night, beginning at 9 o'clock.

The Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Thornhill left Hongkong by the French mail for England. The reverend gentleman is to take up a living near Wigan in a colliery district.

A native was awarded three months' hard labour at the Magistrate's Court this morning for stealing a bucket of sugar of the value of 75 cents from Jardine's Refinery.

It is stated that Holland has offered \$10,000,000 for the Portuguese portion of Timor. The purchase would solve a long-standing boundary dispute between the two countries.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne at the Magistrate's Court this morning with alleged larceny of \$325 from a passenger on board the s.s. Hoising. Mr. P. W. Golding appeared for the defendant, and after evidence had been called the case was dismissed.

A leopard which had evidently been startled ran into the hind wheel of a bicycle as it crossed the East Ridge Road at Maymyo in Burma and upset the rider, but no damage was done beyond the breaking of a few spokes. The annoying part for the rider was that he was on his way to shoot, but had sent his gun on. Still it is not every one who can say that he has been knocked off a bicycle by a leopard and escaped without injury.

Suspected Murder.
An aged Chinese woman about 78 years of age was found dead at Jaimun village on the opposite side of Shaikwan, on Monday last. The case is one of suspected murder, and the Police are investigating.

The Moros of Jolo.
A Jolo telegram, dated Dec. 20, to the "Manila Times" is as follows:—

American troops at Jolo are much elated over their success against the renegade Moros entrenched on the top of Mount Bud Dajo. During all the operations against Bud Dajo, General Pershing was in entire charge. A feature of the siege was a ruse attempted by 60 Moros on Sunday morning, when under cover of a heavy fog, they left one of their positions. It was their evident belief that the troops finding the position deserted would withdraw, but the ruse failed. The American forces maintained their outposts and 49 of the wary savages were captured while 11 were forced back to the mountain top.

The 49 prisoners were sent today to Calarian prison. They will be tried by the civil authorities.

Tramway Improvements.
We learn from Mr. J. Stodart, Kennedy, manager of the Tramway Company, that the reason that the portion of Des Voeux Road, between the Hongkong Hotel and Ice House Street has been "up" of late is that the Tramway Company are carrying out arrangements for the purpose of diminishing the noise caused by the trams passing over the concrete underneath. The Company has decided to pave that part of the track under the rail with wood and has asked Government permission to carry on macadamizing operations, which will eventually be extended to the more central parts of the town. That portion of Des Voeux Road already mentioned is not "up" at present, and the work is expected to be completed by the middle of January. The next step will probably be to deal with the portion of the track between the King Edward Hotel and the City Hall. We understand that the Company has for a long time past been asking the Government for permission to carry on the operations in question and that permission has now been obtained.

We have received from the Statistical Department of the Inspectorate General of Customs the Customs Gazette for the July-September quarter.

The Pearl-Shell season has now set in and dealers in pearls are now looking to Mergui, a town in Lower Burma, noted for its pearls. Recently two pearls were found in the same shell, one of them valued at \$4,000.

Messrs. W. Heilger & Co. have started at Rangoon a new paper manufacturing industry, in which paper is made from crushed bamboo. The industry, which is receiving every assistance from the Government, promises to be a big business.

It is reported that General Count Oku, Chief of the Japanese General Staff, intends to resign next spring owing to advancing age and ill-health. Lieut. General Fukushima, assistant-chief of the General Staff, is expected to succeed him.

A great sensation was created at Sennami, a suburb of Osaka, recently by the discovery of a human head floating in the sea quite close to the beach. The discovery was reported to the police, and the gruesome object was promptly secured by them. The head was so shockingly mutilated and decomposed that it was impossible for the police doctor to say whether the head was that of a man or a woman. It is considered not improbable that this head is that of a young man who was murdered in Awaji some months ago, and whose headless corpse was never identified.

Military Movements.
Major-General G. A. Anderson, C.B., Commanding-Troops, South China Command, and Major J. B. G. Tulloch, General Staff, proceeded to Canton, on duty, by steamer on the night of December 31, 1911, returning to headquarters by train on January 1. Lieut. Colonel A. S. Boghie, Major J. C. Ralph, Captains H. B. Wood and S. L. Ralph, Lieuts. N. D. Place, D. Arthur, I.M.S., 4 Indian Officers, and 258 other ranks, 8th Rajputs, proceeded to camp at Lo Wu, and Captains H. C. Cutler and A. J. Orchard, 7 Indian Officers, and 370 other ranks, to Fanling on 1st instant.

Queensland Emu's Menu.
Among the indigenous birds of Queensland the emu is one of the most interesting. It rivals the ostrich for the catholicity of its feeding. In the stomach of a specimen which was recently killed were found four pennies, five halfpennies. Other things found inside the emu were:—Nine 2 1/2 in. nails, five marbles, one pump connection, one umbrella ferrule, one key, one medal, one clock wheel (2 1/2 in. in diameter), two studs, three buttons, one safety pin, two staples, three washers, and 24 pieces of broken china; while a large pin was found embedded in the liver. The emu was only young, and was a fine specimen.

Organ Recital.
Yesterday evening Mr. Denman Fuller gave an excellent organ recital in St. John's Cathedral, which was not so well attended as is usually the case. Mr. Fuller presented an excellent programme, the outstanding features of which were: Guilmant's "Prayer and Gratitude Song," and Wely's "Pastorale," both of which were noticeable for sympathetic renderings and a remarkable delicacy of treatment. The three movements of Mendelssohn's "Sonata in G minor" were treated with a masterly breath. In keeping with the season, carols were sung by eight members of the cathedral choir. The programme was as follows:—1—"Sonata in G minor," Mendelssohn; 2—"Carol," A. Virgil, unaccompanied; Master Martin and Master Hurlie, Messrs. H. T. Bat, S. Paul, J. W. White, R. Poyton-Griffin, E. C. Emmett, F. A. Bligh; 3—"Prayer and Gratitude Song," Guilmant; 4—"Carol," "The First Nowell," 5—"Pastorale," Wely; 6—"Andante in D," A. Hollins; 7—"Carol," "Good Christian Men"; 8—"March," A. Catherine.

STEAMER IN FLAMES.

Large Loss of Life.

What on the face of it appears to be a grave disaster attended by a large loss of life occurred last night on the West River, when the s.s. Kwong Yui, belonging to the Wo Shun Co., took fire, off Brothers Island near Pillar Point.

From enquiries made we learn that the Kwong Yui left Hongkong yesterday with a full cargo, twelve passengers and a crew of 65, and the next that was seen of her was just before the disaster. Just off Lingting Island she was passed by a steam launch, and at that time nothing extraordinary was noticed in the appearance of the vessel.

Explosion on Board.
However, about ten minutes later, those on board the launch noticed the steamer enveloped in a sheet of flame. The launch immediately put back to render aid, but before they could get any distance an explosion occurred on the ill-fated Kwong Yui which blew her sides out and precipitated many of the passengers and the crew into the water. The steam-launch was able to rescue fifteen passengers.

Number Missing.
Fortunately, the Faungang, under Capt. Malkin, which cleared from Hongkong last evening at 9.45, was also on the scene at the time, and boats in charge of the first, second, and third officers were immediately lowered. They were instrumental in saving a further fourteen, so that out of a total of seventy-seven, passengers and crew, forty-eight have yet to be accounted for. It is quite possible that all these lives are not lost, as there were other boats in the vicinity, which might have possibly saved some of those at present reckoned missing, and if this be the case the total number of lives lost cannot be ascertained until the vessels reach their destinations.

The Kwong Yui was on the Hongkong-Wuchow run, with a cargo of white wax, and it is believed that the fire originated in the ignition of this substance.

MASHED ON FIRE.

Fire broke out at midnight in a mashed used for carpentering work in connection with some building operations for a dyeing factory in course of construction on the foreshore near Jubilee Road. The outbreak was reported by Green Island and it was at first thought that the fire was confined to Chinese kerosene ship in outside waters, but the outbreak in question occurred in the mashed between Green Island and the naphtha works at Kennedy Town.

The extent of the damage and the origin of the fire are not known.

LANGKATS.

December Output.

The Langkat output for December was 12,100 tons. The shares, both here and in Shanghai are in strong demand at 71/2, 70 but no shares are obtainable.

SANITARY BOARD.

The fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday afternoon when there were present Mr. E. D. O. Wolfe, president, Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett, O.M.G., Col. O. J. Irwin, Hon. Mr. E. R. Halifax, Dr. Fitzwilliams, Dr. Pearce, Dr. W. Clark, M. O. H. and Mr. Gibson, acting secretary in place of Mr. Bowen Rowlands, who was unwell.

The only business of any importance transacted was in connection with a minute by the President relating to the limits of the Taimshatui market. The Hon. Mr. E. Osborne had approached the Board asking whether the coolies in the godowns could not be given facilities for the purchase of fruit on the premises. The Hon. Mr. Hewett agreed that the request was reasonable and moved that the Hon. Mr. Osborne and the President should come to some arrangement. Dr. Fitzwilliams seconded, the motion was carried.

HOLD-UP IN CONDUIT ROAD.

Sir Paul Chater's "Boy" Assaulted and Robbed.

Sensational details have come to hand of a daring assault which was committed in Conduit Road shortly after six o'clock last evening. It appears that at the hour mentioned, a house-boy in the service of Sir Paul Chater was riding in a chair, when he was suddenly set upon by two Chinamen and before he had time to realise the situation, he was violently thrown out of the chair, struck on the head with some blunt instrument, and robbed of the money he was carrying. The chair-coolies dropped the conveyance on the roadway and went in pursuit of the fleeing thieves. One of the robbers was overtaken after a hot chase, and landed over into the custody of an Indian constable, but the other succeeded in effecting his escape with booty to the tune of \$171. The total amount that the boy was carrying was some \$800, the greater part of which was recovered by the chair-coolies.

There is a strong suspicion that the missing man must, previous to the robbery, have had knowledge that the boy was carrying money and premeditated the outrage.

The victim of the robbery is at present undergoing treatment in hospital. The man under arrest was brought up at the Police Court to-day and formally remanded.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

(From Various Sources.)

The Balkans.

London, Dec. 19.

It is telegraphed from Sofia that a special train carrying military supplies from Germany, in charge of an officer of high rank, recently arrived in Constantinople from the Turkish Servian frontier. In this connection the Ottoman Ambassador at Berlin has tendered thanks to the Kaiser for the friendly spirit displayed by Germany towards Turkey in the latter's critical trouble. Military preparations are being pushed on with great haste in Turkey. All the reservists in the various provinces of European Turkey and in Salonika have received instructions to report for mobilisation. The situation in Macedonia is daily growing worse.

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MILITANT MISSIONARIES.

Ladies to be Deported.

Arising out of the order for the deportation of Misses M. E. Molloy and M. E. Sears to Victoria, Australia, made by the British Consul at Ichang, the case came before H.B.M. Supreme Court at Shanghai on Dec. 20. At the outset the Judge announced that, providing the two ladies would give an undertaking not to return to Ichang during the continuance of the present trouble, and comport themselves so as not to create a breach of the peace, the order would be suspended. The reply of the ladies was that they were unable to give any such undertaking conscientiously. The Judge said that the ladies seemed to have chosen to be guided by a passive adherence to their own opinion in defiance of that of the Consul and others. He wished to impress on them the impropriety of their conduct and made an order confirming that of the Consul's. They were to be detained in custody until arrangements for their deportation could be made.

A tunnel on the Bantan line, between Ikuno and Nagatani, Japan, over 300 feet long, was under repair, and when a number of men were working in the tunnel the roof suddenly gave way, and ten men were buried under the debris. A relief party at once set to work to remove the mass of earth and rock which had fallen, and after two hours' hard work two men were rescued, but in such a precarious condition that one of them died soon afterwards. The remaining eight men appeared to have been killed.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The late Mr. A. McLeod.

The death of Mr. A. McLeod, tipman of Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co., at Shanghai, which was reported last night, removes a well known personality. Mr. McLeod was in the service of the P. & O. Company at Hongkong in the early sixties. After two or three years with the P. & O. he joined the firm of Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co., and with them he remained until his death. Until 1872 he remained in Hongkong. That year he became a partner in the firm and went to Shanghai. In the northern Settlement he served in many public capacities and was a great patron of sport. In his youth Mr. McLeod won distinction as an oarsman and later he was a prominent member of the Shanghai Race Club.

Rats.

Information in regard to local rat-catching operations has not been conspicuously abundant of late and some statistics in this connection would be of interest. Plague made its appearance at Kobe some years ago and ever since, the rat in that port has had a worried career. The Municipality pays the rat-catchers five yen for each rat and expended last year Yen 17,714.55. That rats are diminishing is shown by the fact that 354,291 were caught last year, a figure far below that for the two preceding years. It is comforting for the people of Kobe to know that not one of the rats was found to contain plague germs. The "Japan Chronicle" reports that the organised destruction of vermin has brought into being the new business of rat-broker. These men collect rats caught in houses and pay a small sum for them, afterwards bringing the rats to the authorities and receiving the full 5 yen for each. Some of these "brokers" are said to have made quite a good living at this curious business.

Men or Milksoys?

The proposed Johnson-McVea fight is not to come off, it would appear, without the clergy making an effort to prove it illegal. It is a pity that Charles Kingsley, who was a "fighting parson," is not alive to-day. He drove a fine, vigorous pen, as was only natural in a manly man, and he would have had biting things to say of certain modern clerics. If a fight is to be prohibited because there is danger of injury, why not ban football, cricket, every kind of manly game? That is the logical conclusion of recent decisions. The outcome of this drive may be the appointment of a sporting censor who shall decide what are dangerous games and what are not. Crribbage would pass all right, and perhaps ping-pong would receive his sanction. But what about golf? There is always the danger there of the other fellow lifting a bit of turf into your eye, if you are a little careless. This is foolishness, you will say, but is it greatly more foolish than banning prize fights because one of the contestants may get a punch on the point of the jaw which leaves him with nothing worse than a black eye for a day? This is the proper way to rear a generation of milksoys, but we have not yet discovered that there is any real demand for them just at present.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

(From Manila Papers.)

Washington, December 24.
 Advice has been received here from St. Petersburg that the Russian Duma has precipitated a tariff war between the United States and Russia. The Duma has enacted a law aimed at the United States and intended to counter the tariff levied by the American tariff law on imports from Russia. The principal imports into Russia from the United States are farm machinery and implements and their parts, typewriters and similar machines. Russian imports to the United States consist principally of raw materials such as hides, wood and linen. Considerable American capital is seeking investment in Russian enterprises, such as railways, irrigating systems, mines and trade. It is probable that the tariff was precipitated by the action of the Duma, if it materializes, has been suggested by the recent passport agitation on the part of the United States.

December 25.

The state department is not a little exercised over developments in diplomatic affairs growing out of the tariff levied by the United States against foreign countries. The relations between the United States and Russia have taken yet another turn. According to advices received here Russia and Japan are negotiating a treaty touching the relations of these two countries in Asia, particularly in Manchuria. It is reported that the provisions of this treaty are intended to operate to exclude the United States from Manchuria.

At the same time that a tariff war between the United States and Russia is threatened, a disturbing note has just been received at the State Department from Germany concerning the trade relations between that country and America. The German foreign office has made certain tariff demands on the United States which are giving Secretary Knox considerable uneasiness. Germany is dissatisfied with the treatment she is receiving under the existing tariff law and demands several very radical changes, and suggests that unless concessions are made by the United States the imperial government will be compelled to resort to retaliatory measures against American goods in order to obtain the proper protection for German exports. It is admitted at the State Department that conditions are nearing a crisis. The advocates of tariff reform are urging the present disturbed condition of the diplomatic affairs of the United States as an argument for a general reduction of the tariff and reconstruction of the foreign policy of the United States with respect to trade.

December 20.

The general consensus of political opinion in the United States now seems to be that President Taft will be re-nominated, provided the convention is not stampeded for Theodore Roosevelt. The latter is generally believed not to be a candidate for the nomination, but willing to accept the post should the exigencies of the convention bring it to him by anything like a unanimous ballot. Colonel Henry Waterson, editor of the "Louisville Courier-Journal," commenting upon this fact declares that neither Taft nor Roosevelt will be able to win the next election. Mr. Waterson says that Governor Judson Harmon, of Ohio and Governor Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey are the favorites among the possible candidates of the Democratic party. It is the belief of Colonel Waterson that either of the two could win in the next campaign owing to the dissatisfaction of the country with the record of the Republicans in the present administration.

FOOTBALL.

Results of Home Matches.

The results of the matches played in the various leagues, on Dec. 2, and the positions of the teams following those matches are as follow:—

The League: Div. I.

Aston Villa.....	5
Liverpool.....	0
Bolton W.....	1
Middlesbrough.....	0
Bradford City.....	1
Bury.....	0
Everton.....	1
Sunderland.....	0
Manchester City.....	3
Blackburn Rovers.....	0
Manchester U.....	3
Newcastle United.....	2
Notts County.....	2
Oldham Athletic.....	1
Preston N. End.....	1
West Brom. A.....	1
Tottenham H.....	2
Sheffield United.....	1
Sheffield Wed.....	2
Woolwich A.....	0

	Pld.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Newcastle United	15	9	4	2	20
Bradford City	15	8	4	3	19
Bolton W.	15	8	5	2	18
Blackburn R.	15	8	5	2	18
Tottenham H.	15	7	4	4	18
Middlesbrough	14	7	4	3	17
West Brom. A.	15	6	4	5	17
Manchester U.	14	6	4	4	16
Everton	15	7	6	2	16
Aston Villa	15	6	6	3	15
Notts County	14	6	5	3	15
Sunderland	15	5	6	4	14
Preston N. E.	14	5	5	4	14
Sheffield W.	15	5	7	3	13
Woolwich A.	14	4	5	5	13
Oldham Athletic	14	5	7	2	12
Sheffield United	14	4	7	3	11
Liverpool	15	3	8	4	10
Manchester City	14	2	7	5	9
Bury	13	0	8	5	5

The League: Div. II.

Bristol City.....	3
Huddersfield T.....	2
Burnley.....	1
Birmingham.....	1
Chelsea.....	1
Glossop.....	0
Clapton Orient.....	2
Blackpool.....	0
Fulham.....	5
Leicester Fosse.....	2
Nottingham F.....	0
Hull City.....	0
Derby County.....	1
Wolverhampton W.....	0
Grimsby Town.....	0
Bradford.....	0

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Burnley	15	9	2	4	22
Hull City	14	9	2	3	21
Chelsea	15	8	3	4	20
Derby County.....	13	8	3	2	18
Wolverhampton W.....	15	7	4	4	18
Clapton Orient.....	14	8	4	2	18
Barnsley	15	6	4	5	17
Nottingham F.....	14	7	4	3	17
Fulham	14	6	5	3	15
Bradford	14	5	4	5	15
Grimsby Town.....	14	4	6	4	14
Huddersfield.....	14	5	6	3	13
Bristol City	15	5	7	3	13
Leicester Fosse ..	16	5	8	3	13
Blackpool	14	5	7	2	12
Leeds City	14	4	8	2	10
Birmingham	15	3	8	4	10
Stockport County.	12	2	6	4	8
Glossop	13	0	8	5	5
Gainsborough T..	14	0	5	5	5

Southern League.

Millwall.....	1
Brighton and Hove.....	0
Queen's Park Rangers.....	2
Stoke.....	0
Coventry City.....	2
Southampton.....	1
Leyton.....	0
Exeter City.....	0
Norwich City.....	1
New Brompton.....	0
Plymouth Argyle.....	3
Luton.....	0
Northampton.....	3
West Ham.....	2
Swindon Town.....	2
Bristol Rovers.....	0

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